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Mr. Paul Massera
California Water Plan Update 2013
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Re: Draft California Water Plan Update 2013

Dear Mr. Massera:

The Kern County Water Agency (Agency) would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft California Water Plan (CWP) Update 2013.

The Agency was created by the California State Legislature in 1961 to contract with the California Department of Water Resources for State Water Project (SWP) water. The Agency has contracts with water districts throughout Kern County to deliver SWP water. The Agency also manages and/or is a participant in multiple groundwater banking projects, including the Kern Water Bank (KWB), Pioneer Property and Berrenda Mesa banking projects.

Agency staff has reviewed Volumes 1 through 3 of the CWP Update 2013. However, the comments below are exclusive to the Tulare Lake Regional Report (Report) contained in Volume 2.

Comment 1: The Report incorrectly implies that the Tehachapi area holds two SWP water contracts with the Agency.

The Report describes the Tehachapi Valley Groundwater Basin (Tehachapi Basin) and Cummings Groundwater Basin (Cummings Basin) (page TL-4). On lines 23-25 of page TL-4 the Report states that the Tehachapi Basin "...is adjudicated and has a contract with the [Agency] for entitlements to 20,000 acre-feet of water from the [SWP] to supplement groundwater supplies." Additionally, lines 35-36 on page TL-4 indicates the Cummings Basin also receives up to 20,000 acre-feet of SWP. The implication is each basin holds a contract for 20,000 acre-feet of SWP water with the Agency. The Report should be corrected to accurately describe that Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, not the basins, holds a single contract with the Agency for 20,000 acre-feet of SWP water that may be used to supplement water supplies in the greater Tehachapi area.

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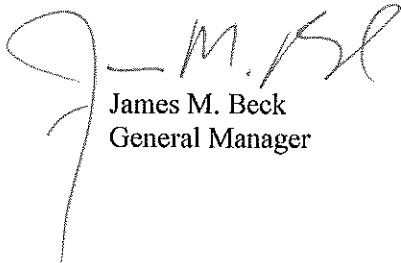
Comment 2: The Report contains typographical errors that should be corrected.

The report contains a few typographical errors that should be corrected to include the italicized text as follows:

- Page TL-26, Line 34: "...Chromium is used in metal *alloys* such as..."
- Page TL-36, Line 19: "... mid *1970s* stabilized groundwater..."
- Page TL-43, Line 5: "...plans in the *Tulare Lake* Hydrologic Region..."
- Figure TL-12 is missing the x-axis labels.

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Bauer of my staff at (661) 634-1411.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. M. Beck", is written over the printed name and title.

James M. Beck
General Manager